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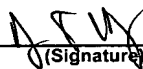
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RESPONSE TO AN OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir or Madam:

This correspondence is in response to the Office Action of April 2, 2001 (hereinafter "the Office Action"), in which a shortened statutory period for response of three (3) months was set. A petition for an extension of time for reply of three (3) months, i.e. from July 2, 2001 to October 2, 2001 inclusive, is being requested simultaneously herewith.